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August 7, 2012

Jerry Bird, Forest Supervisor Lassen National Forest 2550 Riverside Drive Susanville, California 96130

Subject:

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Creeks II Forest Restoration Project,

Plumas County, California (CEQ# 20120226).

Dear Mr. Bird:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Creeks II Forest Restoration Project. Our review and comments are pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and provided comments to the Lassen National Forest on January 17, 2012. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2) due to our concerns regarding impacts to public health from air emissions and the decommissioning of unneeded roads. We are pleased that our concerns were addressed in the FEIS.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this FEIS. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact James Munson, the lead reviewer for this project, James can be reached at (415) 972-3800 or munson.james@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Martyn Goforth, Manager Environmental Review Office